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## WIT and HUMOR



### MEN GREW UP WITH THE JOB

Neighbor Explains to Mrs. Timkins  
How Contractor and Assistants  
Got Into Little Wagon.

Mrs. Timkins was telling her neighbors how she had been betrayed.

"You know," she said, "we had that man up from Newark to look at the big dead tree that's going to fall some day and cut through our house, starting at the roof and not making any stops till it reaches the cellar."

"He estimated that it was about fifty feet to the first branch, and he talked as through he had ladders, derricks and hawsers enough to move the Washington monument."

"Then he went away and wrote us a letter making a bid on the job. We accepted the bid. Then a month went by."

"Yesterday he came in a little wagon about two by four, scarcely more than a baby carriage. He had some ropes and four men besides himself. But no ladders. When he found that none of his four men would climb up the first branch and fasten the rope, he said he couldn't take the tree down."

"His ridiculous little wagon! I don't see how those five men ever got into it, even themselves."

"Maybe they were boys when they started," said Neighbor Jones.—New York Evening Post.

### His Growl.

"A man ought to know when to say no."

"You know when to say no, all right."

"Thank you. I think I do."

"Yes, you said no when you felt sure I would ask you again. And you said yes when you saw me beginning to weaken."

### Just the Same.

"I met Dunkey today for the first time for years. He hasn't changed much."

"Oh, he hasn't changed at all, but he doesn't seem to realize it."

"How do you mean?"

"Oh, he's forever talking about what a fool he used to be."—Stray Stories.

### Deadly Stuff.

"Dobbs seems to be in high good humor."

"He's made a great discovery."

"Will it benefit science?"

"It may benefit the medical profession. He has found a place where he can buy mince pie two inches thick."

**Altogether Conversational.**  
"Any battles lately?" asked one Mexican journalist.

"Not exactly," replied the other.

"Nothing more than a skirmish."

"Have you all the details?"

"Of course not. I don't write short-hand."

### HARD LINES.



Critic—The first line of your new poem will appeal to everyone who knows you.

Poet—Indeed.

Critic—Yes. It reads, "I would that I were dead."

### Putting His Foot in It.

Miss Mugg—You wonder who that homely looking man is, do you? Well, he happens to be my brother.

Mr. Mixt—Oh, pray excuse me; I should have known it by the resemblance.—Boston Evening Transcript.

### The Solitary Occasion.

"I never knew old Simpson acknowledge that he had made a mistake."

"Ah! I did once."

"Really. How did it happen?"

"He put the lighted end of his cigar in his mouth."—London Tatler.

### Just Like Old Times.

"That young Rawlings stays till a very late hour, Nora. What does your mother say about it?"

"She says men haven't altered a bit, pa."—London C.

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### NATURAL EFFECT.



"Your friend Banks has a very supercilious air. What makes him hold his nose so high?"

"He can't help it, dear boy. He's an official egg inspector."

### Everything Depends.

Tommy—May I sit up a little longer?

Ethel—What do you want to stay up for?

Tommy—I want to see you and Mr. Green playing cards.

Mr. Green—But we are not going to play cards.

Tommy—Oh, yes, you are, for I heard mamma saying to Ethel that everything depended on the way she played her cards tonight.—Liverpool Mercury.

### The Merry Life.

Some young folks have odd ideas of the life theatrical.

"My, but I'd like to travel on the road with a company," said a young man the other day.

"What would you like most about such a life?" his companion asked.

"I think it would be great," the ambitious one exclaimed, "to sit about the railroad stations playing a banjo and singing songs until the train arrived."—Youngstown Telegram.

### The Time He Scored.

Six years later he returns. His sweetheart of former years has married. They meet at a party. She has changed; between dances the recognition takes place.

"Let me see," she muses, with her fan beating a tattoo on her pretty hand, "was it you or your brother who was my old sweetheart?"

"Really, I don't know; probably my father."

### That's Different.

Wydeman—Excuse me, young man, but I think your mother needs attention.

Nahrow—The lady is my mother-in-law.

Wydeman—Oh! I beg your pardon.—Judge.

### Rare Find.

"Here's a good joke from a London newspaper."

"You don't seem very much excited about it."

"Why should I be excited?"

"Didn't you say it was good joke from a London newspaper?"

### Enough to Irritate Him.

"A woman in Pittsburgh says her husband has beaten her 2,080 times."

"Well, can you blame the poor man? Think of having a wife stubborn enough to keep the exact score!"

### Cheaper to Hire a Taxi.

"Biffels is always buying suburban lots, what in the world is the matter with him?"

"Oh, he can't resist the free automobile rides offered by agents."

### Naturally Gifted.

"Does old Tom Splinters drink?"

"No," replied Farmer Comtossel.

"He ain't tempted that way at all. He kin talk an act foolish enough to satisfy anybody, jes' naturally."

### On the Move.

"You paid \$2,000 for a suite on an ocean liner?"

"Yes, I'm trying to disprove that statement about it's being cheaper to move than to pay rent."

Bad as the Other.  
We have no respect for a liar, but neither do we care a great deal for the man who rushed to tell the truth when he knows it is going to hurt.—Detroit Free Press.

Crust Blame.  
"That," said the futurist, pointing proudly to the canvas which he had just finished, "is my attempt to interpret the infinite." "What did the infinite ever do to you?" asked the innocent bystander.



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